JAPAN IS REMOULDING COREA, BUT NATIVES REMAIN UNCHANGED

On Surface 'Hermit Kingdom' Is Becoming Japanese With Improved Conditions, While Vassals Maintain Rump Rule in Shanghai.

SPIRIT RESISTS ASSIMILATION, PATRIOTIC FIRE IS STRONG

Every Corean Contributes His Mite to Provisional Government, Seibold Learns-Leaders Declare Appeal Will Be Made to Conference in Washington.

APAN'S control of Corea and its military and economic aspects are discussed in the following article by a NEW YORK HERALD staff correspondent. It is the seventeenth of a series based on a careful study of Far Eastern conditions bearing on the armament and transpacific problems that will be taken up in Washington November 11.

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FUSAN, Corea, Sept. 30 .- The natives of the Hermit Kingdom, who date their somewhat obscure origin back many thousands of years, are appealing figures of dignity, of benevolence and of insatiable, though supsed, ambition to rule their own country. They still cling to the costume and customs of the ancient Ming dynasty of China, but have been coerced and bullied so long that they have almost forgotten how properly to assert their rights. Force has little place in the general scheme of life among the odd and tovable people who live in the "Land of the Morning Calm." now ruled with an iron hand by the splendidly equipped troops of the Mikado's empire.

Yet the resentment of the Coreans against the forceful seizure and annexation of their country by the Japanese empire is fervent, deep and unrelenting. The fire of patriotism, smothered by the military forces of Japan, not only refuses to be extinguished but glows with supernal

intensity and frequently blazes forth in fury.

The best part of two weeks devoted to diligent, though discreet, inquiry In Corea convinced me of this fact beyond the shadow of a doubt. Japan may and, in fact, has partly aroused the old Hermit Kingdom that on the surface appears to be still drowsing in contemplation of past glories. Its soldiers have forced upon the lovable and shiftless ancients organized authority that makes for modern processes and material advantages. But Japan has not succeeded in changing the Corean nation or reconciled it to the acceptance of the policies by which the Mikado's Government hopes to destroy deep rooted love of country.

Destruction of Corean Arts and Literature Said to Be Sought

nese. By characteristic and subtle pa-The decay of the strong to destroy the arts and literature of the old kingdom that sleeps with one eye open. By the processes of education Japan is making the official language of the country Japanese instead of Corean. By the introduction of railroads as tience Japan is trying to destroy the

making the official language of the country Japanese instead of Corean. By the introduction of railroads as well equipped and operated as some in America she is opening up the country to the commerce of the world. By the substitution of its financial system, the encouragement of scientific agricultural methods, the condition of the people is being gradually improved. By the application of scientific sanitary measures Japan is increased by the proving the health of one of the lost plantage of the stories told me by the Corean patriots at Seoul (called Keijo, and Japanese). Tarkyu, the seat of the Government of north Keijo, and Jinsen justified the belief that the secret police system of Russia was not any more complete and vigilant than that maintained by Japan in Corea. So comment is this explonage that the maintained by Japan in Corea. So comment is the "democratic movement" are compelled to exercise the greatest caution in commenting upon the Japanese administration of their country.

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the Japanese version of Buddhism for about their business. One of the the matter, about their business. One of the drollest tales I have ever listened to the matter.

Seoul of course, is the centre of missionary activities, because it is the inept and guileless people of the "A Covern the inept and guil

Coreans. Helpless and shiftless as he is in material development, the Corean has made up his mind in regard to Japan as the invader of the country which is rightfully his own.

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I got say to peoples and peoples got say to peoples and peoples got say to me. Then he go and tell Japanese and get more Japanese Cash. I tell him no he can't come with me seventeen branches scattered over mother, who is very old and therefore mother, who is very old and therefore the country which is rightfully his own.

He cannot openly fight the Japanese soldiers and drive them from his country for two very excellent reasons. The first is that he doesn't know how nortant, is that he is forbidden even to possess the devices with which to to fight. The second, scarcely less imfight, for there is no greater crime in Corea than to be found with a gun or tomb or a man sized knife that might be used in upsetting the Japanese

colley of peaceful penetration.

Nevertheless, the Corean has a government of his own, and one to which le pays devout homage and swears unswerving ailegiance. It is a sort of rump affair up to date, fashioned something after the order of the Irish enterprise, though far less disturbing anized processes of government—or their disinclination to adopt them—the order of the world. The headto the peace of the world. The head-cuarters of it is at Shanghai and the Presidert of it is Shing Han Rhee. The country is very great.

Will Appeal to America.

The Japanese rulers of Corea repard the so-called "Provisional Government" as a good deal of a joke. The Coreans look upon it as a very serious that discountenances the vulgarities with which the Japanese are corelited. undertaking that will ultimately pro-vide the foundation for a republic. They are deeply learned in the phi-Some of the leaders of the Corean losophies of the Orient, most devout some of the leaders of the Corean losophies of the Orient, most devout movement have told me that they in their observance of the teachings intend to direct the attention of the delegates to the Pacific conference at yet they absolutely reject the Japanese and to urge the application of the Wilson policy of self-determination to save them from the permanent clutches of Japan. A number of the leading "Democrats" of Corea, headed by Hueh Hueng-Wo Cynn, are now in America, with Washington as their cojective.

A great mystery that has always puzzled the Japanese rulers of Corea and 17,996 in the Japanese puzzled the Japanese rulers of Corea and 17,996 in the Japanese

puzzled the Japanese rulers of Corea temples and 17,996 in the Japanese is the financing of the "democratic Buddhist temples, while 174,000 Comovement" among the Coreans. The
Japanese sples and military, who grip
the country with a firm hand, have
terry good reason to know that the
Corean "Provisional Government" is
well supplied with money and other
means for conducting an elaborate ping in the Christian churches as

Japan and Her Back Door

JAPAN'S reported ambitions in relation to Siberia, Manchuria and Mongolia are discussed by Mr. Seibold in an article to be published to-morrow. Light is thrown on the subtle propagand-ism involved in the Far Eastern situation.

296,487, divided among the Japanese Methodist, Japanese Presbyterian and Japanese Congregationalist and the Presbyterian Mission, English Church Mission, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., Roman Catholic Mission, St. Bene-dict's Miscellaneous Society, Methodist South Mission, Methodist North Mission, Russian Orthodox Church, Seventh Day Adventists, the Oriental Missionary Society and the Latter Day Mormon) Saints.

Corean converts or communicants of the Japanese churches are about as popular with the other natives as a ember of the Church of England ould be in the south of Ireland. They are regarded as apostates from the ancient faith, and most of them are asserted by Corean leaders to be in the employ of the Japanese Govern-ment. Through an arrangement with the British Bible Society the American churches operating in Corea work directly under the former, in return for which the British society recognizes the supremacy of the Amer-ican church committee in the Philip-

Activities of Missionaries.

There are probably 1,000 Americans conducting missions and trade schools in Corea under this plan, which is dein Corea under this plan, which is de-clared to be producing excellent re-sults. Some of the missionaries with whom I talked are inclined to regard the Japanese figures covering the estimated number of converts to Christianity as being far below the actual figures. The missionaries who have checked up the matter pretty thoroughly declare that there are nearer 400,000 converts to Western religious sects represented in Corea than

As a rule they do not make any complaint regarding the attitude of the Japanese Government toward them. Openly it is very friendly, but in private conversation with representatives of some of the churches whose identities must be withheld I was informed that the Japanese Govern-ment officials, while apparently taking a tolerant view of foreign activities, really maintain a vigilant eye upon their undertakings to prevent "meddling with politics."

The Japanese officials are credited by the missionaries with "making a tence" of conforming to the con stitution of the empire of Japan, which guarantees the freedom of religious worship. Baron alto, the Military Governor-General, who several years ago was Naval Attache to the Japanese Embassy at Washington, told me that "the missionaries are very helpful to us in trying to improve the con-dition of these people."

On the surface Corea is wholly Japaof the most ardent of the Corean
Some of the missionaries, however,
expressed the wish that the Governorof the most ardent of the Corean
General would square his words with
"Democrats" last night that, with few deeds. They admit that there is no

proving the health of one of the least thinks, that he is being watched and the Japanese Government makes no effort to destroy the illusion (if such it be) for very obvious and salutary reasons. There is, in fact, an tempting to wean the Corean away from the dogmas of Confucius and the Japanese spies, a few of whom are native Coreans—regarded the Chinese Buddha and substitute the Japanese version of Buddhism for

"A Corean scum who take Japanese lished in the provinces of Ardong Hermit Kingdom.

Despite all these advantages which it has supplied in its policy of Benevolent Despotism, the one thing that the Japanese have not succeeded in doluging in making Japanese out of the Coreans. Helpless and shiftless as he is in making Japanese out of the Coreans. Helpless and shiftless as he is in material development, the Coreans can dear any second control of the core and control of the

yery wise, tell somethings her honored and is conceded by both the Japanese ancestors say about one my honored officials and missionaries identified ancestors who is dead two hundred with crthodox sects to be doing good years and that I be d'sgrace and my

There does not appear to be any with me, but I don't talk any Corean Japan, but there is unquestionably a about nothing. I spend much time in great deal more squalor, due to primitemple praying with my ancestors and tive teachings and the intense rever-Corean scum he no get Japanese Cash.
I spit at him." And the voracious chronicler of the event comprehendingly illustrated his contempt by do-

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uncomfortable. There are some very wealthy Coreans, but the general run of the people seem to be content with just enough on which to live and derive an annual income of 2,000,000 derive an annual income of 2,000,000 derive an annual income of 2,000,000 through the expenditure of as little yen. The Japanese promoters of the effort as possible. They do not look new enterprise assert that the priests with favor upon the tireless energy of contribute little to the welfare of the The Japanese promoters of the people, lead lives of idleness, drink a good deal and preach sedition to

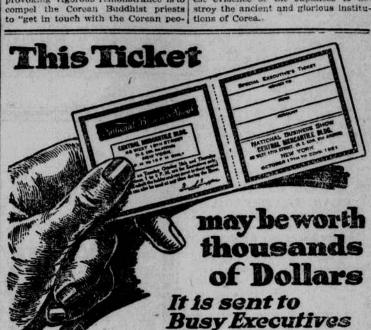
the Japanese and, in fact, have as little to do with them as possible. to do with them as possible.

In Seoul the Coreans patronize only the Coreans, and practically boycott the Japanese trade. The more energetic of the Coreans openly compete for the trade of both races and once in a while display great enterprise in doing so. For instance, two of the cunuchs who lost their jobs at the royal palace when Japan annexed the country have recently opened a garage in Pyeng Yang and are said to be doing quite-well.

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One of the most recent moves made by the Japanese in Corea which is provoking vigorous remonstrance is to compel the Corean Buddhist priests are very much opposed to the Japanese to the provoking vigorous remonstrance is to compel the Corean Buddhist priests.



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